

MAY STR LABORERS

House of Commons Adopts Coal Tax Despite Federation's Warning. SPEAKERS ARE WARM AND CAUSTIC. Assault Each Other with Epithets More Ferocious than Beautiful. BALFOUR'S DEFENSE OPENLY RIDICULED. Adherents Admit He Doesn't Know What He's Talking About. GENERAL STRIKE SEEMS PROBABLE. Labor Members Intimate that Great Struggle May Be Precipitated Between Their Organization and Parliament.

LONDON, May 6.—There was unusual attention and attendance in the House of Commons today on account of the introduction of the coal tax resolution. The measure was introduced by Sir Edward Grey (liberal), who defined the measure as harsh and oppressive. The House adopted the coal tax by a vote of 333 to 227. Consequently the tax of a shilling per ton on export coal was adopted by a majority of 106. These figures, apparently, do not represent the feeling of the members of the House, but the government made the issue strictly a party one and secured the record attendance for this Parliament and by vigorous efforts polled within a score of the normal majority. The galleries were packed to overflowing. The principal fight during the last days of the discussion of the coal tax was chiefly within the liberal ranks. Sir Edward Grey, H. Asquith, William Abraham (liberal) and Mr. Charles Fenwick all assailed the tax eloquently, the last two speaking with no little pathos and a broad appeal on behalf of the miners in whose station of life they worked before coming to Westminster. Perhaps the most interesting feature was the speech of the chancellor of the exchequer, brother of the earl of Durham, who, standing amid the conservative members, denounced the government as a "pack of rascals" and a "crew of scoundrels" who had referred to the coal industry by which he declared that the chancellor of the exchequer had represented the colliers as liars and forgers and maintained that they were "as honorable a set of men as ever sat on the government benches."

Mr. Michael Hicks-Beach attempted to explain the government's position, but the sleepy people who had come in to hear the final stages of the debate blinked vigorously as they heard the right of miners to strike proclaimed by an aristocrat who declared that the miners were "as good as many a man who has won the Victoria cross."

Another supporter of the government, John Wilson, bitterly objected to the tax, bringing up the question of American competition and contending that the duty would give the United States a chance to cut out British coal.

This started the ball rolling and for some time the House gave itself up to a discussion of the relative merits of "Pocahontas" and "Smokeless Welsh," with frequent references to America's growing merchant marine and the advantage of coal.

Mr. Balfour, in a rambling style, summed up the debate, basing his argument on the question that such a great industry as the export of coal could not be seriously affected by the imposition of a tax of a shilling a ton. He dismissed as highly improbable the theory that American coal would ever be able to compete with English.

In the division which followed there was much cross voting. Mr. John Morley voted with the government. Several liberals abstained from voting, while almost all the conservatives representing coal counties joined the opposition.

During Mr. Balfour's summing up one of his own adherents remarked audibly, "It is a wretched speech, but of course Balfour does not know what he is talking about."

SUGGESTION IS DENIED

China's Reported Proposal to Open Manchuria Turns Out to Be False. LONDON, May 6.—A representative of the Foreign Office has officially informed the statement of the Shanghai correspondent of the Times that China has approved the suggestion, suggesting a complete opening of Manchuria to the enterprise of all countries. It is stated that the British Foreign Office has not the slightest intention of embarking upon such a fruitless task as the one indicated by the Times' correspondent, and believes the United States and Japan fully concur with that view.

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RECEIVE A ROYAL WELCOME

Elaborate Reception of Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York at Melbourne. MELBOURNE, May 6.—The duke and duchess of Cornwall and York landed from the steamer Ophir at 2 o'clock this afternoon. They were received at the pierhead by Lord Hopetoun, governor general, and the state and federal ministers. After the ministers had been presented the party passed down a quarter of a mile of carpeted pier and entered carriages surrounded by a guard of honor composed of Victoria troops just returned from South Africa and proceeded a distance of seven miles through brilliantly decorated streets bordered with almost continuous lines of people. The cortege was lined with demonstrative crowds and the decorations, arches, venetian masts and columns along the line of march were very effective. Opposite the town the procession passed beneath the queen's arch, canopied with the royal colors. They were received at the pierhead by Lord Hopetoun, governor general, and the state and federal ministers. After the ministers had been presented the party passed down a quarter of a mile of carpeted pier and entered carriages surrounded by a guard of honor composed of Victoria troops just returned from South Africa and proceeded a distance of seven miles through brilliantly decorated streets bordered with almost continuous lines of people. The cortege was lined with demonstrative crowds and the decorations, arches, venetian masts and columns along the line of march were very effective. Opposite the town the procession passed beneath the queen's arch, canopied with the royal colors.

ITALIAN PEASANTS REVOLT

Much Misery Prevails in Sicily and Southern End of Peninsula. PARIS, May 6.—The Paris today publishes dispatches from Palermo, Naples and Poggia reporting an alarming situation in Sicily and southern Italy. The peasants in the provinces of Messina, Catania and Syracuse are in revolt and sanguinary conflicts with the police occur almost daily. The situation in which the sulphur mines are situated is agitated and a general strike is threatened. Misery prevails in the province of Poggia (Puglia). The fields and gardens are laid waste, the country has suspended payment and the syndicate has gone to Rome to confer with the premier. Strikes are extending everywhere in southern Italy.

DELAREY'S FORCE DIVIDING

Four Thousand Boers Toward Whom British Were Hurrying Separate and Decamp. KLERKSDORP, Transvaal Colony, May 6.—General Delarey's force of 4,000 Boers, which has been in the hills around Elandsfontein, is splitting up. Some of the men are moving to the southwest, while others are going north. Delarey himself is moving south.

SAVINGS BANK IS CLOSED

Cleveland Institution Suspends Payment Owing to Absence of the President. CLEVELAND, O., May 6.—The doors of the Cuyahoga Savings and Banking company, at 1461 Woodland avenue, were not opened for business today. The following notice was posted on the window: "On account of the continued absence of R. N. Pollock, the president, the directors have concluded to suspend payment until such time as they can make an examination of their affairs. It is expected that every depositor will be paid in full."

NEW CABINET FOR PRUSSIA

Public Announcement of the New Members Who Enter the Ministry. BERLIN, May 6.—The new ministry is gazetted as follows: Baron Rheinbaben, minister of finance. General Bodenbach, minister of agriculture. Baron von Hammerstein, district president of Metz, takes the portfolio of the interior. Herr Moller, minister of commerce. Herr Kraetz, director of the imperial postoffice becomes secretary of state of that department.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR TOTAL

War Office Officially Announces Deaths Resulting in British Banks During the Campaign. LONDON, May 6.—The War office today officially gave out the total number of deaths in the South African war as 714 officers and 14,264 men. Four officers and 314 men have been awarded honors and subsequently died. Two thousand four hundred and ninety-three non-commissioned officers and men have left the service unfit for duty.

HOLDS AMERICAN PRISONERS

British Government Will Detain Those Captured Until Boer War is Over. LONDON, May 6.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons today Mr. Broderick, the War secretary, said that among the prisoners captured in South Africa were twenty-six Americans, besides thirteen others claiming to be burghers. There was no intention of releasing any of the prisoners until the war is over.

ESSENTIAL IN CANAL TREATY

Fauncefote Given Memorandum of Features Senators Require. NO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AT PRESENT. LONDON, May 6.—The Associated Press has been officially notified that Lord Pauncefote has received from Secretary Hay the draft of a new Nicaragua canal treaty. It is understood that it advises neutrality.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, Warmer in Eastern Portion; Northerly Winds, Becoming Variable. Temperature at Omaha yesterday: Hour, Deg. Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. 53 1 p. m. 49 6 a. m. 52 2 p. m. 48 7 a. m. 51 3 p. m. 48 8 a. m. 51 4 p. m. 48 9 a. m. 50 5 p. m. 47 10 a. m. 51 6 p. m. 48 11 a. m. 52 7 p. m. 48 12 m. 48 8 p. m. 47 9 p. m. 47

WATCH TRUST IN FORMATION

Syndicate is Pushing Negotiations for the Purchase of Several Time-keeper Works. WALTHAM, Mass., May 6.—It was stated in watch manufacturing circles here today that a syndicate is making an effort to absorb the American Waltham company's plant here, and the factory of the Elgin company, at Elgin, Ill. President Pitch of the American Waltham company left for New York today, where there is to be a conference concerning affairs in the watchmaking line. The syndicate has been given options on the O'Hara company and the American Watch Tool company's works, and it has reached the United States Watch factory here.

CONGRER LABELS WU A HERO

Says the Chinese Minister is Entitled to American Citizens' Lasting Gratitude. CHICAGO, May 6.—"Minister Wu is a hero and is entitled to the lasting gratitude of the American citizen. The statement now being circulated that I have challenged his truthfulness or his honesty of intention is absolutely false." In these words Major E. H. Conger, United States minister to China, disposed of the charge that he is at enmity with Wu Ting Fang. Mr. Conger arrived here from his home on his way to Washington, where he is going to report to the State department. Mr. Conger will remain in Washington two weeks, after which he will return to spend the remainder of his two months' vacation.

GARTRELL AND SON INDICTED

Are Held for Trial on Charge of Murdering a Colorado Miner. KANSAS CITY, May 6.—A special to the Star from Butler, Mo., says: The special grand jury indicted Dr. J. L. Gartrell and his son, W. R. Gartrell, for murder in the first degree. They were arraigned, pleaded not guilty, and trial was set for the June term.

LESS SINCE CANTEN DAYS

Minister's Committee Report Untraced Rumors that Soldier Drunkenness Was on Increase. CHICAGO, May 6.—The report of the committee of ministers who recently investigated and charged the soldiers with drunkenness at Fort Sheridan had resulted in increased drunkenness among the soldiers made its report today. The report embodies statements by many persons living in high schools and other places near the fort and shows that the charges of greater disorder were untrue. For the three months preceding the abolition of the canteen the percentage of arrests was 52; for the three months following, 43.

NEBRASKA'S PLAGUE PATIENT

Charles Benjamin Hare of Pawnee City Has Weak Heart as Buhonic Legacy. ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 6.—Charles Benjamin Hare of Pawnee City, Neb., the student who was taken with bubonic plague April 4, was released today as permanently cured, and Cumming, the friend who nursed him through his sickness, was released with him. The unfortunate posthumous, where they were confined, has been thoroughly disinfected. There has not been the slightest sign of any infection from the disease. The only bad after effect that Hare suffers is that of a weak heart.

AS SHYLOCK AND PORTIA

Nat Goodwin and Maxine Elliott Try New Roles with Considerable Success. SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 6.—N. C. Goodwin and Maxine Elliott made a success as Shylock and Portia in "The Merchant of Venice" in the Welting opera house in this city tonight, appearing in this classical comedy for the first time. Klaw & Erlanger have given it elaborate mounting. The company numbers sixty people. In the trial scene Miss Elliott displayed histrionic ability not heretofore credited to her. This may also be said of Mr. Goodwin.

CUDAHY VERDICT SUSTAINED

United States Circuit Court of Appeals Rules Against Frank Marceau. ST. PAUL, May 6.—(Special Telegram)—The United States circuit court of appeals today denied a petition for a rehearing in the case of the Cudahy Packing company of Omaha against Frank Marceau. Marceau originally got a verdict for personal injury against the company, but Judge Sabornin reversed the judgment, and this ruling sustains his opinion.

ST. JOSEPH TALKS OF A HALL

Citizens in Mass Meeting Resolve to Build One at a Cost of About \$100,000. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 6.—A mammoth convention hall will be constructed in this city this summer. A mass meeting of citizens was held at the Commercial club rooms tonight, at which definite action was taken for the erection of the building. The cost will be about \$100,000.

ONE DEAD IN WRECK

Burlington Passenger Train Crashes Into Freight at Thayer, Iowa. FIFTY-TWO PERSONS ON INJURED LIST. M. Shirley and Wife of Omaha Are Cut and Bruised. CUDAHY SALESMAN'S HAND CRUSHED. Life Lost is That of Engineer Sid Brown of the Flyer. STICKS TO POST AND DEATH IS INSTANT. Many Iowa People Are in Conches that Are Crushed Down Embankment—Victims from Other Northwest Towns.

CRESTON, Ia., May 6.—(Special Telegram)—One man was killed and fifty-two persons were injured in a wreck on the Burlington railway at Thayer today. The dead: SID BROWN, engineer passenger, home in Burlington, Ia. The list of the injured is as follows: O. J. Garrett, Murray, Ia., head and body bruised. Major J. T. Hume, Des Moines, bruised about nose, left eye and right arm. Colonel Olmstead, Des Moines, severely injured. George Vonbehren, Chariton, right side hurt. M. Shirley and wife, Omaha. Mr. Shirley cut about face and head, neck bruised. Mrs. Shirley bruised. W. A. Scott, Chicago, back injured, right leg and foot bruised. Albert Brown, right arm and leg bruised. Mrs. Ellis Pixley, West Salem, Ill., internal injuries, serious. J. T. McCune, Ottumwa, hurt in stomach and breast. Clarence Wotke, Grinnell, scalp wound, limb injured, bruised about back. T. M. Gallup, Wyoming, enroute to Randolph, Ia., scalp wound, right knee and left wrist injured. E. G. Carter, Chariton, hip cut. F. F. Flag, Chicago, internally injured; serious.

Cudahy Salesman Hurt. J. L. Farthing, Creston, traveling salesman for Cudahy, Omaha, right hand badly bruised. J. D. Johnston, Chicago, bruised. C. M. Buchanan, Fairfield, severely shaken up. F. E. Bates, Chicago, porter, back crushed and chest injured seriously. Mrs. F. A. Bell, Fairfield, slightly bruised. William Trefel, Burlington, head brake-man, passenger train, general bruises. A. C. Sweeney, Keokuk, bruised. T. M. Gardner, Chariton, head, shoulders and hip severely cut. D. O. Campbell, Cleveland, head, shoulders and legs bruised. S. D. Reed, Osceola, slightly wounded. Walter Crowley, Woodbine, legs badly injured. J. L. Farquhar, Gallion, O., badly shocked. Dr. Averill, Afton, back injured. T. J. Burk and wife, Jacksonville, Fla., wife badly cut on forehead, back hurt; Burk's injuries slight. Mary Cherry, Leroy, Ia., chest and head hurt, serious internal injuries. Clyde Wilson, Hopeville, collarbone broken, head and legs bruised and cut. R. B. Mitchell, Weldon, head and face badly cut. G. B. Miller, Clarinda, slightly injured both head and arms. William Elder, Ottumwa, shoulder dislocated, head cut. Roscoe Mowman, Talmage, severely shocked. Clarence Whitlock, Osceola, arm broken, internal injuries. S. E. Reem, Osceola, cut over eye, severe bruises. Fireman Mike Canney, Ottumwa, badly bruised and cut, left arm broken twice; may result in loss of hand. K. Loneland, Chicago, leg and three ribs broken. Will Harper, Ottumwa, head and hands cut. Mrs. Will Harper, Ottumwa, back sprained. M. O'Connor, conductor, Burlington; back badly injured. N. Anderson, Albia, Ia. W. M. Deehre, Chariton; back injured. Effie Ellis, Murray, Ia. W. A. Hart, Emmoson, Ia. Hugh Doran, Ottumwa; slight. William Romer, Chicago. W. N. Pifey, New Salem, Ill. W. R. Rund, Chicago.

Cause of Wreck. The wreck was due to the presence of a freight engine on the main line when passenger train No. 3 came along at a rate of forty miles an hour. Immediately after colliding the two engines separated, one going on the south side of the embankment and the other on the north side. The baggage car, express car, smoker, day coach and two chair cars rolled down the forty-foot embankment, but, marvelous to relate, not a fatality to passengers occurred. Engineer Sid Brown of the passenger train, whose home is in Burlington, was killed. He was buried under his engine. The crew of the freight locomotive jumped. The relief trains brought the injured to Creston and they were conveyed to Cottage hospital. Surgeon from Creston, Chariton and Afton were sent to the scene of the wreck. Thayer is situated eighteen miles east of Creston, in the bed of a deep ravine, and on either side of the station the track curves sharply. Neither engineer could see the freight train until they were within 200 feet of the other, but the engineer of the freight train heard the passenger train coming and made the utmost endeavor to back his heavy train onto the sidetrack. He succeeded in getting all but the engine on the siding when the crash came. As the passenger train rounded the curve Engineer Brown saw his peril, but he stuck to his post, reversed his engine, threw on the air brake to the emergency notch, applied the sand and waited the crash. At the last moment the men on the freight engine jumped and escaped serious injury. The impact was terrific. The freight engine was thrown across the tracks and the passenger engine hurled down the embankment, followed by the baggage car, the express car, the day coach and two chair cars. The agent at Thayer and several hangers-on around the depot witnessed the wreck, and rendered such aid to the wounded as was possible before the arrival